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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Friday, October 26, 2007 11 a.m.
Date/Time of Occurrence: Thursday, October 25, 2007
Nature of Event: Homeless Man Attacks Two Others With Ax
Location of Call: Auburn
Released by: Dena Erwin, PIO (530) 889-6901

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:



Kenneth W. Turney

A homeless Auburn man was arrested by Placer County sheriff's deputies late Thursday night on two counts of assault with a deadly weapon after he struck two other homeless men in the head with a pick ax.

The first victim, Robert Borden, was struck in the face with the ax as he slept in a field near Heritage Oaks Drive Thursday night. He sustained major injuries to his head and eye. As deputies were conducting their investigation in the field, suspect Kenneth William Turney, 45, returned to the scene and was subsequently arrested.

A few hours later, the Sheriff's Department received a report of another assault on a homeless man. Victim Lester Wells, 41, was struck in the back of the head while he was in a field behind businesses on Highway 49, near Bell Road, not far from the first attack. Wells told deputies that he knew his attacker, but didn't know his name. Deputies showed Wells a photo line-up and Turney was identified as the suspect.

Turney is being held at the Placer County Jail on \$65,000 bail. He will be arraigned Tuesday, October 30 at 1 p.m. at the jail courtroom.